

State of New Hampshire Banking Department

In re the Matter of: ) Case No.: 07-008  
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State of New Hampshire Banking ) Notice of Hearing - Order To Show  
) Cause  
Department, )  
) Cease and Desist Order  
Petitioner, )  
)  
and )  
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Mortgage Lenders Network USA Inc, )  
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Mitchell Heffernon, and James E. )  
)  
Pedrick  
Respondents

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18 II, the Banking Department of the State of New Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue and cause to be served an order requiring any person engaged in any act or practice constituting a violation of RSA 397-A or any rule or order thereunder, to cease and desist from violations of RSA 397-A.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to suspend, revoke or deny any license and to impose administrative penalties of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation of New Hampshire banking law and rules.

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Banking laws, RSA 397-A:3 requires any person not exempt under RSA 397-A:4 that, in its own name or on behalf of other persons, engages in the business of making or brokering first mortgage loans secured by real property located in this state shall be required to obtain a license from the banking department.

1 Pursuant to RSA 383:10-d The commissioner shall have exclusive authority  
2 and jurisdiction to investigate conduct that is or may be an unfair or  
3 deceptive act or practice under RSA 358-A and exempt under RSA 358-A:3, I or  
4 that may violate any of the provisions of Titles XXXV and XXXVI and  
5 administrative rules adopted thereunder. The commissioner may hold hearings  
6 relative to such conduct and may order restitution for a person or persons  
7 adversely affected by such conduct.

8 The Department issued the Respondent a Cease and Desist Order and Order  
9 to Show Cause on January 19, 2007 and an Amended Cease and Desist Order and  
10 Order to Show Cause on February 2, 2007. The Respondent filed a timely  
11 request for a hearing regarding this matter.

12 The Department alleges the following:

13 **Issue 1:** Whether respondent MLN is subject to license revocation, fines  
14 and/or other penalties for violation of the bond provisions of RSA 397-A:5.

15 **Issue 2:** Whether respondent MLN is subject to license revocation, fines and/or  
16 other penalties for failing to funds loans at closing pursuant to RSA 397-A:14-  
17 b.

18 **Issue 3:** Whether respondent Heffernon is subject to fines and/or other  
19 penalties for his role in the violations of the Chapter by respondent MLN.

20 **Issue 4:** Whether respondent Pedrick is subject to fines and/or other penalties  
21 for his role in the violations of the Chapter by respondent MLN.

22 Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding shall be commenced pursuant to  
23 541-A:31 and Chapter 200 of the Department's rules (NH Code of  
24 Administrative Rules BAN 200) for the purpose of permitting the Respondent to  
25 show compliance with RSA 397-A and 383:10-d.

Each party has the right to have an attorney present to represent the  
party at the party's expense, or may represent itself. Each party has the  
right to have the Department provide a certified shorthand court reporter at

1 the requesting party's expense. Any such request must be submitted in  
2 writing to the Department at least 5 days prior to a scheduled hearing date.

3 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the Respondent appear before the New  
4 Hampshire Banking Department on February 26, 2007 at 10:00 am, at the  
5 Department's offices at 64B Old Suncook Road, Concord, New Hampshire, for the  
6 purpose of participating in an adjudicative proceeding, at which time the  
7 Respondent will have the opportunity to demonstrate why the cease and desist  
8 order should not become permanent; and

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Respondent elects to be represented  
10 by Counsel, said Counsel shall file notice of appearance at the earliest  
11 possible date; and

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that James Shepard, Staff Attorney, New  
13 Hampshire Banking Department is designated as Hearing Counsel in this matter  
14 with authority to represent the public interest within the scope of the  
15 Department's authority. Hearing Counsel shall have the status of a party to  
16 this proceeding; and

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commissioner shall designate a member  
18 of the Department, who shall serve as the Presiding Officer in this  
19 proceeding and shall issue a RECOMMENDED DECISION in this matter which shall  
20 be reviewed and approved, disapproved or modified by the Bank Commissioner;  
21 and

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any proposed exhibits shall be pre-marked,  
23 for identification only, and filed with the Department and provided to the  
24 opposing party as soon as possible. Hearing Counsel shall pre-mark the  
25 Department's exhibits with Arabic numbers. The Respondent People shall pre-  
mark exhibits with capital letters. An index/list of exhibits providing a  
brief description of each exhibit with its corresponding pre-marked number or  
letter shall be filed by both parties simultaneous with the filing of  
exhibits; and

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties shall exchange a list of all  
2 exhibits and witnesses to be called at the hearing with a brief summary prior  
3 to February 23, 2007, and shall at the same time file a copy of their  
4 respective witness lists with the Presiding Officer; and

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all periods referenced in this notice shall  
6 be calendar days. If the last day of the period so computed falls on a  
7 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the time period shall be extended to  
8 include the first business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal  
9 holiday; and

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Department shall burden of setting forth  
11 a *prima facie* case, then the Respondent shall have the burden of showing  
12 compliance with applicable law by a preponderance of the evidence;

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent's failure to appear at the time,  
14 date, and place specified may result in the hearing being held *in absentia*  
15 and/or default ruling in favor of the Department, without further notice or  
16 opportunity to be heard; and

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the entirety of all oral proceedings shall  
18 be recorded verbatim by the Banking Department. Upon request of any party, or  
19 upon the Presiding Officer's own initiative, such record shall be transcribed  
20 by a certified court reporter designated by the Presiding Officer, and that  
21 all costs shall be borne solely by the requesting party. Any such request  
22 shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer prior to hearing.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all documents shall be filed with the  
24 Presiding Officer in the form of an original and one (1) copy and shall bear a  
25 certification that a copy is being delivered to Hearing Counsel and any other  
parties to this matter in accordance with NH Code of Administrative Rules Ban  
204.08. All documents shall be filed by mailing or delivering them to the New  
Hampshire Banking Department, ATTN: Presiding Officer, 64-B Old Suncook Road,

1 Concord, NH 03301. Filing by facsimile or electronic transmission shall not  
2 be accepted; and

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties may submit Proposed Orders,  
4 which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately  
5 stated, no later than ten (10) days following conclusion of the hearing(s) in  
6 this matter; and

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by  
8 telephoning Maryam Torben-Desfosses at (603)-271-3561, but all other  
9 communications with the Presiding Officer and with the Department shall be in  
10 writing and shall be filed as provided above. *Ex parte* communications are  
11 forbidden by statute; and

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Notice of hearing shall be  
13 mailed to Counsel on behalf of Respondents MLN and Heffernon, and James E.  
14 Pedrick at 213 Court St. Middletown, Ct 06457 and that a copy shall also be  
15 delivered to James Shepard, Hearing Counsel, and to the Presiding Officer, at  
16 the New Hampshire Banking Department.

17 **SO ORDERED,**

18 /s/  
19 Peter C. Hildreth  
20 Commissioner  
21 State of New Hampshire  
22 Banking Department  
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2/21/07  
Date